Dear Howard, 2.1.77

Relet 27: on autopsy materials suit you will file, no, by all means if youxr prefer to do it yourself please do. I have no personal interest in being in it and as I now recall made the offer on the chance it could help you. I had no clear recollection now, which now also happens to affect I guess from all I'm trying to do in addition to the more usual causes. This is also true to the reference to McDonald.

Same for 1359. In time I'll be getting at it in a different way.

It is not apparent that Harper was merely playing dirty tricks. I have not received the book. Their course of conduct is consistent with anxiety to bring the book out without an effect to get an injunction against it. You have my last letter to them on it. I am sure there will now be a suit over this, easier for us because they do business in Maryland at the first city west of here, a half-hour drive. In their case they and Playboy were on notice, Playboy did pay for admitted plagiarism and I think the case is as solid as one of these can be. It will be a "fair use" defense and the number of cases of uncited quotation and wrong-cited uses to avoid fairness should make an interesting in-court situation.

I am getting the SatEvePost piece and if I do will send you a copy. It is also in my files. I wrote Hoch on confidence about it many years ago when more came my way from a source I had to protect, a graduate student I was helping.

For the most part JL does get the Times. He sometimes does not get up until they are sold out or he has not time to get one. Don't worry about making copies but the Phila papers do help.

Pedro Gutierrez Valencia: these names tend to fuse in my recollections. He is the D of before and after the Schweiker report, the fabricator who claimed to have seen Oswald at the Cuban embassy MxCy receiving the money to off JFK. We write LBJ about it. There is a draft memo of 4/1 and one of 3/26 that I have. I do not recall whether I have the CDs but I do not under Gutierrez of one other name I associate, Ugarte. This could be under other subjects, like that used by Coleman/Slawson, LHI's foreign travels. Thanks for the copy of the Walthers report on the crap fed Andersen. I may needle Jess some more. But if you think the time was wasted, note there has been no more of this propaganda, there, I mean. There will be but it has been slowed.

I'll check the rest with care when I can. Thanks for it all.

The rigors of the weather have meants less to us that to most except that by preventing my regular walking it has added weight to me that has become a real problem. Our normal winter routine was to keep the house temperature lower than is now beseeched. It is rare when I have the thermostate above 62 daytimes. It goes back to 55 nights. It stays there until a half-hour before I awaken Lil. The house is still so dry our noses have bloody discharges in the a.m. Any moment I expect someone to cut firewood on shares. I've had little and I've held it for an emergency. In case the lines go out, etc. And to cope with that I've splurged on a CB outfit. Tried it for the first time last night. Inside the house and by accident on the low-power setting it was audible in the car of the friend who takes me to and from Washington. My only interest is in reaching the local REACT posts, State police and sheriff. I'll test that with them when I can. I will be putting up an aerial. Rather another friend who directed me to this set said I should and he'd do it. But I want to be sure that in a real real emergency I can get out with the hand-held rig and indications are this one will do it. I'destimate that I have a 4-6 day supply of firewood behind the swimming pool from before I got sick and 1-2 days beside small stuff at the house so we are not without some protection against a fuel outage. And we use so much less of that we'll always have a half-tank if they have to suspend deliveries. Thehouse is well stocked with staples. And I'll never run out of work to keep me busy. It adds up to we are okay underht circumstances, thanks to you both. ...I will want something done if you'll have time. I'll know this weekend if I can get a recent college grad to do it. I'd like a list of every allegation in the Ray/King case, divided into relevant and irrelevant, for a dramatic use in the new book. I'll write further either way. Thanks and best,